(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Declaration of 2008 as Year of Girl Child

705. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to declare the coming year 2008 as the Year of Girl Child;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Assessment on Balika Samridhi Yojana

706. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on implementation of Balika Samridhi Yojana (BSY) project;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount spent in this regard in the last financial year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Several constraints were reported by the States regarding implementation of Balika Samridhi Yojana:-

- amount received was meagre and the waiting period before maturity was too long—Rs. 6700 total amount was received after waiting for 18 years;